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**Mail Stop: Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/891,332; Filed: June 27, 2001  
For: **Polymerases for Analyzing or Typing Polymorphic Nucleic Acid  
Fragments and Uses Thereof**  
Inventors: SOLUS *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0942.4250003/BJD/JKM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **August 3, 2004**, Applicants submit the following  
Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
  - in ascending order;
  - with status identifiers; and
  - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required  
beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper.

However, if additional fees are due for net addition of claims, or if additional extensions of

time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any additional fees required are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.